

Action of Cotton Growers' Convention.

Memphis, Tenn., January 9.—The Convention of cotton growers, after a recess, last evening listened to the following report from the committee on resolutions:

First. It is recommended that this Convention proceed to organize a permanent organization, to be known as the "Cotton-growers' and Merchants' Association."

Second. We recommend that said organization shall consist of a president, a treasurer, and one vice president from each of the cotton growing States.

Third. We recommend that there be local organizations of said cotton growers and merchants associated on an equal basis in every State, county and town in the cotton growing region, and that said local organizations where possible and practicable, co-operate with any farmers' organization now in existence.

Fourth. We recommend that the reduction in the acreage planted in cotton for the year 1892 be 20 per cent less than that planted in 1891.

Fifth. We further recommend that each and every farmer or planter within said cotton growing States do plant more diversified crops, and especially take extraordinary precaution to the end that he shall produce an abundance of corn, peas, hay, oats, and such other necessities for his own and his family's supplies. And we here appeal, personally and individually, to each and every person favoring this movement to do his aid and influence to further this end.

Sixth. In view of the fact that the Mercantile interests of the South is largely held responsible, whether rightly or not, for the planting of cotton verging upon the exclusion of other products, it is therefore suggested and hereby urged upon them to contribute by their advice and in other substantial ways to the bringing about of this coveted reform in our farming methods.

Seventh. We recommend that a committee of five be appointed by the president, whose duty it shall be to visit such a constitution and by-laws are necessary to carry into effect the objects of this organization.

Eighth. We recommend that each member and delegate to this Convention use his united and individual efforts to carry into effect these resolutions, and urge their people at home to strive for a general good the carrying out of the spirit and purpose of these resolutions.

Ninth. We further recommend that the address delivered by Col. D. G. Godwin be received and endorsed by this association and that the same be published with the proceedings.

As soon as the reading of the resolution had been finished half a dozen gentlemen rose to their feet and pandemonium reigned. After vigorous use of the gavel, however, the chairman recognized Mr. Lane, of Mississippi, who moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion prevailed, after which the resolution were taken up for discussion seriatim. After a long discussion, participated in by all the leading spirits of the Convention, on section 4 of the resolutions, they were finally adopted. At 11:30 the Convention adjourned sine die, and acceptable speeches were made, where they were fittingly entertained.

His Horse Recognized Him.—Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 8.—Mr. A. H. Hill, a leading lawyer of Danville, Ill., is in the city on a peculiar mission. He came to recover an old family horse that was stolen from him on December 21, 1890, and which he has followed over one thousand miles. The horse, which stole the horse carried it to Indianapolis and sold it to some horse dealers. The horse sold it to some Atlanta stock dealers who shipped it to this city. A gentleman from Mr. Hill's home who was visiting in the city saw the horse and recognized it, and at once notified the owner.

Mr. Hill came to see about the much beloved animal. He found that the horse was in the hands of a man named Hill & Walker, and that he would have to prove beyond a doubt the identity of it before he could have it. With some other gentlemen Mr. Hill proceeded to the stables. When he walked into the stall the horse came out and put his head in Mr. Hill's hand and the horse licked it with seemingly as much passion as ever one person kissed another.

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What We May See.—Extremes sometimes meet. If the present State administration continues its policy toward taxes, we may presently see our capitalists establishing themselves on the State lines as the moon-shinners used to do, keeping their safes as the stills were kept ready to be grabbed and filled with the jurisdiction of the South Carolina tax collector at a minutes notice. It would be a fine thing to have money as contraband as untaxed whiskey and a borrower laying his note, colaterals and calculations on a stump, whistling three times and going away to return after a while to find the currency mysteriously substituted for the note by an unseen hand. Bank cashiers, presidents and tellers could then grow their hair and beard long, carry squirrel tails and signal horns and cultivate the art of sudden disappearance and intimate knowledge of the exact location of boundaries. Controller General Ellerbe and his posse would have great sport tracking the wild wretches to the mountain fastnesses or the Savannah river swamps, and issuing warrants for removing and concealing surplus or handling funds on which the tax had not been paid.

The News and Courier says one Charleston bank has sent \$150,000 of its funds to Georgia to avoid the competitor's wrath, but in South Carolina many capitalists are so alarmed as to have suggested. There would be no lack of customers for them. People would take even more trouble to borrow than they now endure to buy crooked whiskey.—Greenville News.

Verrier for Congress.—Columbia, January 7.—There will be somewhat interesting fight this year in the congressional district. It has been in the air for two or three days that ex-Comptroller General Verrier would enter the field on the suggestion of his friends. He was asked to-day what he had to say, and what conclusion he had reached. He said that he had concluded to run. On what platform? "I am a Democrat," he said; "I will run as a Democrat and a Cleveland Democrat at that. I stand on this platform and make the fight on it."

That the fight will be interesting goes without comment. Senator Don don is reported to be in the race, and Capt. Shell's name is also mentioned. This is a case in which we will all see what we will see.

Considering the fact that Gen. Verrier puts himself squarely on the Cleveland platform the result ought to indicate how the Cleveland policy on tariff and money stands in this district.—For News and Courier.

GREENVILLE'S NEW DAILY.—Columbia, S. C., Jan. 8.—A committee was organized to-day for the Daily Democrat to be published in Greenville. The committee consists of T. C. Gower, Frank Hamilton, R. V. Helms, C. E. Goss, H. B. Buis, J. A. McCullough. The capital stock is \$6,000.

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J. C. HUNTER, P. M.

We sincerely regret to announce that Rev. T. E. Morris' youngest son, aged 20 months, died Wednesday night from a lingering attack of pneumonia.

We had a pleasant shake of the hand on Thursday, from Mr. Alexander McElree, Jr., of Greenville. Alex. carried in his face a fine specimen of the health and prosperity of the Mountain City.

A Correspondent in *The State*, over the signature of "a democrat," suggests ex-Senator Wade Hampton as a candidate for Governor. It is a little too soon to make a selection, but that is the clearest and cleanest nomination yet made; but we have no idea that he would accept the nomination.

All persons indebted to me, either by account, note, or otherwise, will please come and settle at once, or the matter will be turned over to a lawyer.

S. M. BICE, JR., E. U.

A very sad accident occurred at the Oil Mill last Monday morning, by which a colored boy named Joe Crawford, had his leg broken in two places and his shoulder badly dislocated. It seems that his coat got entangled in a belt, running to pulleys in the second story, and he was whirled with great force to the ground, tearing nearly all the clothes from his body and inflicting other painful and serious bodily injuries. We are happy to say he is resting easy now.

We regret to state that the Grippe or Influenza, is spreading rapidly and becoming more alarming in its attacks. Scarcely a family in this town or for miles around is without a case, and in some families every member is afflicted, where they are nearly worn out, from loss of rest and continuous travel.

The changeable mucky and cold weather we are now having is more in favor of increasing and intensifying the malady than assisting in relieving or eradicating it.

So far, we have had only one death in the town traceable directly to the Grippe; but we have had some very severe cases of that disease, which have been successfully treated by our Doctors.

We have had a variety of weather since our last issue. Sunday morning we woke up and found the ground covered with snow an inch deep. It gradually melted during the day, and a cold rain set in at night.

Monday the town presented a magnificent winter scene as ever was pictured by the brush of a Master painter. The shade trees on the streets and the shrubbery in the yards were encased in ice and their limbs bent gracefully under the weight of their cold crystal-like covering and the glittering icicles pendant from them. At dark it began to rain and continued to fall heavily all night, so that the next morning not a trace of snow or ice could be seen. From then to Thursday morning heavy fogs and rain prevailed. It has more appearance of clearing off now than for weeks.

We refer our readers to the resolutions adopted by the Cotton Growers' Convention, at Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 9. There is nothing wrong in either the letter or spirit of the resolutions.

The wrong will lie with every farmer who does not put those resolutions in practice on his farm. Let us watch and see how many farmers there are in Union County who will endorse "by word of mouth" the action of that convention, and encourage their neighbors to adopt the plan recommended in the resolutions, but when the time comes and they find all their neighbors have homes "pitched their crops" for 20 per cent less cotton and so much more grain and other farm supplies, will be mean enough to increase their cotton area 20 per cent and, perhaps, reduce their grain and other supply crops, with the intention of taking advantage of their neighbors' patriotic co-operation with their fellow farmers for the relief of the depressed farming interests in general and to put farming at the South on a basis of profit and make Southern Farmers prosperous and independent?

Of course, no one can claim the right to say how much cotton a farmer shall plant; but when it is demonstrated beyond all doubt that the good of the farmers demands that a reduction of 20 per cent be made in the crop and all fall into line for that purpose, the man that deserts his fellow farmers in such a crisis and puts an obstruction in the way of consummating so obvious a good, "won't do to do it," and should be remembered as one not to be depended on in a time of emergency. "Watch Tom."

Look Out for Burglars.

Wednesday night thieves broke into the dwellings of Mr. George Mace, E. White, and Rufus Norton and stole a quantity of provisions. They also attempted to enter Maj. Town-end's dwelling, but were driven off by Miss Mamie Townsend, who fired upon them with a pistol. The cowardly scoundrels returned Miss Townsend's fire. They'll be caught sure.

DEATH OF REAR ADMIRAL RODGERS.—Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—Rear Admiral C. R. P. Rodgers, U. S. N., (retired), died this evening.

"FOOLING" WITH A PISTOL.—Newberry, S. C., Jan. 8.—Last night about 8 o'clock Henry Wells and E. S. Coppock, Jr., two young boys, were "fooling" with a pistol, when it was discharged, the ball entering the leg of young Wells.

Another Head to Come Off.—Governor Tillman yesterday said that he expected in the next few days to drop a hot official head into his already full "removal" basket. He said he was giving the officials a chance for a few days to retrieve their heads if there was a improvement in their heads and if there was not, he would indicate who the intended victim is.—*The State*.

Such a threat from the Governor of a State is undignified and puerile; more becoming the pedagogue or petty tyrant holding the rod of punishment over the heads of a lot of disorderly school boys. There is much more of the dictator and petty tyrant in Governor Tillman than true statesmanship, dignity, or manliness of character. It cannot be denied that he has disappointed his most ardent friends and disgusted the intelligent citizens of the State at large. As a reformer he is a decided failure.

It means, to the Auditors, Trial Justices, Treasurers, and all other officials who hold their positions by the grace of Gov. Tillman: Now, boys, if you don't behave yourselves, and do just what I want you to do, in your official capacities, "by the eternal," every member's son of you, from the Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum down to the one that milks the cows, will be summarily discharged. I, Ben Tillman, am running this State and don't intend to let any rotten driftwood stand in my way. So, stand from under my gulfstream.

A Laurens Incendiary Killed.

Mr. W. H. Pool received the following dispatch about 10 o'clock yesterday morning: from his brother:

LAURENS, Jan. 14.—Oswald Richardson killed Laurens Thompson, colored, last night, firing Thompson's house. G. B. Pool.

We sincerely hope that Richardson's prompt and decisive action will be followed by others until all the incendiary devils now infesting Laurens shall be gotten rid of.

Personals.

S. Whitkowsky, the great wholesale Dry Goods Merchant, of Charlotte, was in town this week on important business.

Mr. D. Allen, representing the firm of Brown, Weddington & Co., extensive importers of hardware, at Charlotte, was in town a day or two, on business, this week.

Correspondent for the Union Times.

Telephone Wants the Road and the Factory.

JONESVILLE, Jan. 11th.—We have a bad day on us to-day. The ground and shrubbery and trees are all covered with ice, and will remain so for some time.

There has been but little done since Christmas but make contracts and move to go. There seems to be considerable unrest among the people, which is the result, no doubt, of the depressed condition of the times; but pulling up from one farm or neighborhood and moving to another is a poor way to mend matters. The people had better settle down to steady hard work and use close economy, with a change of base in their farming system, and try to regain what has been lost the past year.

The Grippe has a strong grip on our neighborhood, and the bad weather we are having seems to feed it with new cases daily. None, however, are very dangerous in our town or community. Mrs. James Wool, of Paelet, an aged and most estimable lady, is seriously ill with grippe.

"Farmer" and "Another Farmer," and "Riverside Joe" have been discussing the Jonesville and Lockhart Shoals Railroad, and on, in the Times of late, and now telephone wishes only to say a few words in regard to the important subject, without any reference to any of these writers who have preceded me. It is a fact beyond all doubt that Railroads and Factories increase the value of property near them and help to build up a country generally, besides making a profit for those that own them. This being the case the people of the two townships, Jonesville and Pinckney, are only asked to vote a subscription of twenty thousand each, as stock in the Road. The road being secured will insure the Factory, and the stock in the factory is open to any and all the people in our county to invest in. This being the case the Road and the Factory to some extent will belong to our own people. This much being done at home foreign capitalists will have confidence in both enterprises to invest and help complete them, and as soon as they are put in operation they go on the tax books and help to repay what has been expended to secure them. To estimate the road at one hundred thousand and the factory at five hundred thousand dollars would add six hundred thousand dollars to the taxable property of Union County, which, at the present levy, 17 mills would bring about two thousand dollars more money into the County Treasury, which would in a few years begin to reduce our tax, and keep reducing it as time rolls on. Then, in a few years, no doubt, the Factory would be increased to a million dollar mill, or two mills would be built, which would help to reduce our taxes still more.

Now I have said nothing about the large amount of money that would be brought into circulation in building the Road and the Factory and the employment that would be given to hundreds of hands, besides a great amount of trade to the people, mostly in the townships of Jonesville and Pinckney. Many other things in favor of the Road and Factory might be mentioned, but the people already know them, and I will say no more at present.

Mr. D. B. Wood, of Paelet, and Miss Beatie Jeffries, daughter of Mr. Wm. Jeffries, were married at the residence of the bride's parents last Wednesday, by Bishop Duncan.

FAILURE IN LAURENS.—LAURENS, S. C., Jan. 11.—W. L. Boyd, senior member of the firm of Boyd & Hart, hardware dealers, and of the firm of Boyd & Dillard, grocers, made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. Col. J. W. Ferguson will be the assignee. His liabilities are estimated at \$25,000, part of which are store debts, secured by mortgage, which, when realized upon will reduce the amount considerably; assets nominally \$50,000, out of which at least \$40,000 should be collected.

The failure is due to poor collections and endorsing notes. Mr. Boyd's name is on a good deal of paper of his former partner and brother-in-law, George B. Anderson, who is now involved. Most of the money is owing to local creditors, the banks have and at Clinton holding heavy notes.

POLITICAL CHARGES.—Politically, things are not what they were once. There are many people, once Tillman "pets" and "right bowlers," who have joined the "Haskell" "Mosses," and so expressed themselves openly and above board. Men who heretofore have kept quiet now say they never will take the "O" required of all Democrats by the Irbys-Sheff-Tillman-Pope-Keels committee.

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News From North Carolina.

ETTA JACO, Jan. 11.—A. G. McCulloch, with his family, expect to start to Paris, Texas, this week, where they expect to make their future home.

We have had a severe cold snap, and but little outdoor work has been done during the past week.

About nine schools started last Monday. We learn that this (Gouldsboro) township's proportion of the public money is upwards of \$1,000, this year. This sum supplemented by a comparatively small amount by each school, will insure a term of some length of time and do some good.

Miss Oren Kendrick attending school at All Healing Springs, N. C.

The Mesopotamia and Sunshine schools have been consolidated, and Rev. J. D. Bailey is their teacher.

Every now and then somebody comes back from the factory to resume farming operations.

A great many changes are being made in the tenancy of the farms for this year.

Hon. A. A. Sarritt, with his family has moved to Gaffney City, ostensibly for the purpose of educating his children. We hate to see our good people leaving the country and going to distant towns, but when the matter of educating the children is the object, we can't help but say "amen" to the motive.

Mr. Randall Elmore, a highly respected citizen, died at his home near Pine Grove last Friday night, the 8th instant. He was about 75 years of age. The immediate cause of death was pneumonia, but he had other diseases with which he has been a sufferer for several years. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church, and died in the christian's hope.

Mr. William Strain had a partial stroke of paralysis last Wednesday. He has also a spell of the grippe, and his hopes of his recovery are entertained at this writing. He was 85 years old the 8th instant.

Rev. G. S. Robinson will preach at Salem next Sabbath, 17th inst.

LaGriffe is raging now in every direction, and several cases are being followed up to the present time.

We had the pleasure last week of reading a private letter from Miss E. C. Davidson, of Yorkville, now a missionary in China. While a part of the letter was intended for publication, we are free to say that from its tone we are satisfied that the young lady has her calling at heart. She has many friends here, and this county who wish her abundant success.

We saw the flames of the Converse College fire the night it was burnt. The distance from here by the most direct route can't be less than 25 miles.

Some of our people have answered the call of the State, and are in the army. The February will have Sabbath. It will be in 1920. The last time it occurred was in 1880.

We were to name every one within our knowledge who is sick, we would have but little room for anything else, consequently we leave our friends to their respective cases. We wish each one a speedy and permanent recovery.

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CLINTON, S. C. JAN. 11.—The holidays were passed in a quiet, though pleasant manner at this place. Exhibitions were given by the two schools and Sunday schools, and several entertainments by the young people. The new year was pleasantly ushered in by a delightful Hop in the spacious hall adjoining the post office. This entertainment was well attended, and seems to have been the signal for a series of similar ones, which have followed in rapid succession. A pleasant German was the social event of the past week, and it will probably be followed by something similar in a few days.

French, who has been employed in the paelet mill, and is held in high esteem by his employers and the public generally, met with a serious accident last week. While at work, his clothing caught in the machinery, and the result was that his arm and hand were severely cut. His wounds are serious, but at last accounts he was resting easily.

Mr. John Bomar, who has been employed temporarily in the office here, returned to Spartanburg last week. We shall miss his bright face and pleasant smile.

It is rumored that Rev. J. D. Huggins, contemplating removing to the lower part of the State, but is to be hoped that he will decide to remain with us. He would certainly be very much missed at this place for he is doing a good work, and is popular with all.

MORE NEGROES EMIGRATING.—The negroes are